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MAURY POVICH: We are going to take a long look at a man who has been subjected to congressional investigation for the better part of a year now. He is William Colby, the former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, a man who left his office recently. Some say he was fired. He did not leave under the best of circumstances. However, he is proud of his tenure there, and he's also proud of what he did before the Congress. We're going to take probably the most intimate and professional look that you've seen of William Colby today. It is a lengthy interview, and I think that is only indicative of the importance of it. So I hope you can be with us today to get another view of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Lord knows how many critics we have had on this stage of ours over the past few years of the CIA, and they have had their shots at William Colby and his agency and his agents. And now we're going to give Mr. Colby an equal amount of time -- it's not going to be equal in terms of minutes, because if you add up all the minutes of the critics here on this set, it would not equal the amount of time that he got today. But I think his words are meaningful and they kind of even up the score, according to many.

Mr. Colby will be here in a moment. He's a rather controversial man. He's a man who came out of Princeton University, was a World War II hero in intelligence, dropping behind enemy lines on two occasions. And, in fact, there are many who feel that, especially when it came to Norway, he did much to save that country from the Germans during World War II, in what he did. He went back into intelligence in 1950, after staying out for a couple of years to get a law degree, and he went back into the CIA in 1950 and remained there for the next 25 years.

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